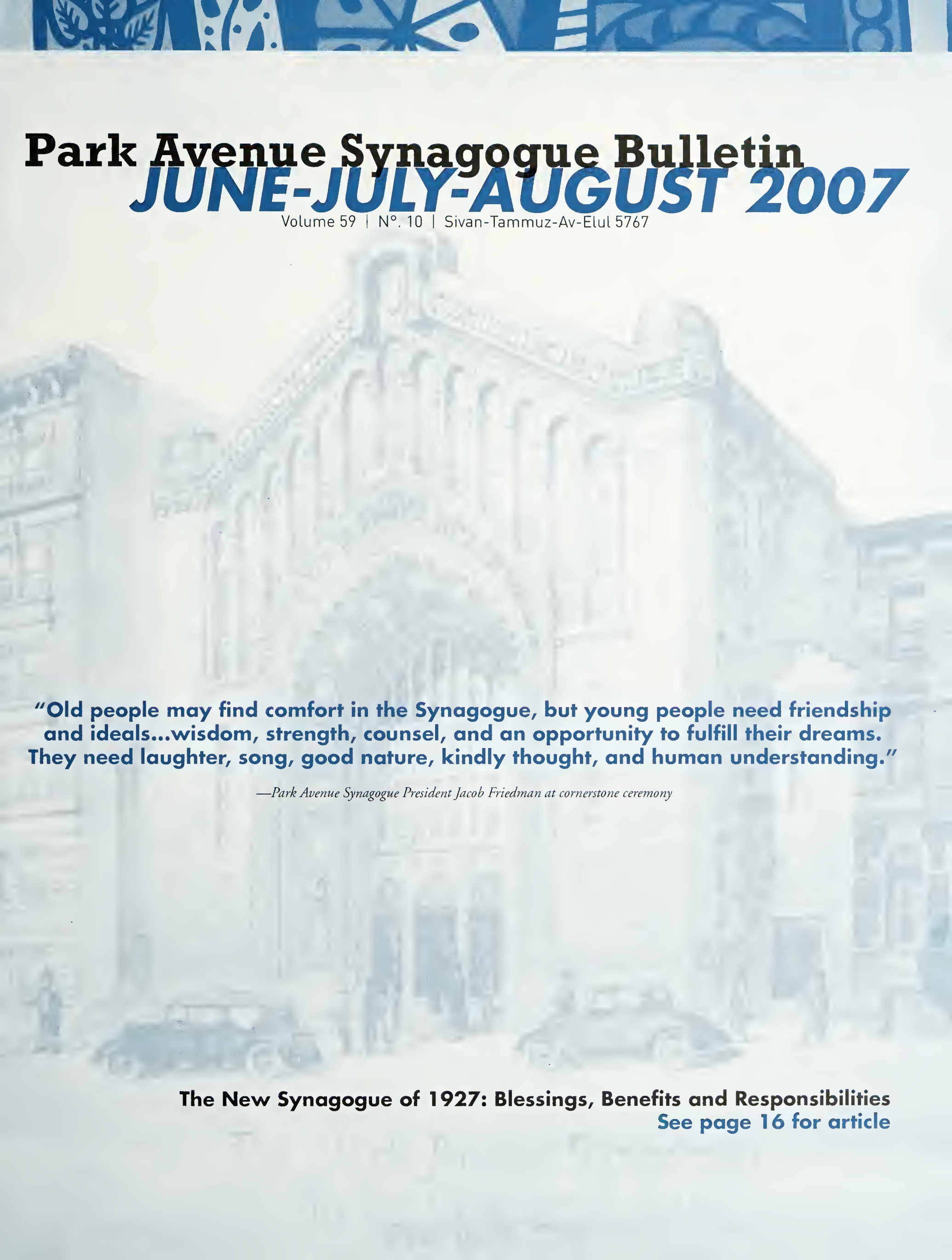




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“Old people may find comfort in the Synagogue, but young people need friendship and ideals...wisdom, strength, counsel, and an opportunity to fulfill their dreams. They need laughter, song, good nature, kindly thought, and human understanding.”

—Park Avenue Synagogue President Jacob Friedman at cornerstone ceremony

The New Synagogue of 1927: Blessings, Benefits and Responsibilities
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There is nothing wrong with telling your child, “I don’t know”

My conservative, European-born parents rarely spoke of death, and when they did, it was often done with circumspection (“When your mother and I go away...” “Go where?” “You know....to New Jersey...”). With that background—and much anxiety—I attended my first funeral at the age of sixteen, and, a little over a year later, on my way to my first interment, I also had my first car accident. (Full disclosure: I have had two other accidents, neither of which were my fault).

My experiences growing up have made me an advocate of teaching children about death when it occurs and of including them in the funeral. All their questions should be answered as calmly and as matter-of-factly as possible. Children need to be reassured that while there is much to be sad about, there is nothing to be scared of. Yes, they may see their parents, grandparents and other relatives grieving and crying—and that may unnerve them—but those tears are a reflection of love and loss, and there is no more appropriate reaction in these circumstances; it need not frighten them.

With proper advance preparation children can and should attend funerals and burials, especially for close relatives. While we all have a desire to shield our children and grandchildren, we have to ask ourselves: are we protecting them from our concerns and fears, or from theirs? I know first-hand that, in this regard, being overly-protective of a child at a young age can have detrimental consequences later on.

So, I have mapped out with children, in detail, exactly what they will see and do at a funeral and at the cemetery. I have given them some limited options so that they can have some sense of control; I promise them that I will devote time to listen to them and to answer their questions at certain intervals. I instruct their parents to answer honestly questions about what happens after we die. (Children have a sixth sense about our own discomfort when we try to be disingenuous

on this topic). There is nothing wrong with telling your child, “I don’t know,” and then asking her/him what s/he thinks happens. This approach is preferable to trying to offer our child a vision of comfort with which we ourselves are uncomfortable.

I have found that children respond positively to being treated in this fashion and that they greatly appreciate being included and being allowed to make some decisions about whether they want to go to the funeral. When we treat them maturely, they tend to meet, if not exceed our expectations.

Even children who are too young to comprehend what is going on can be brought to funerals. Years later, they will be grateful that they were in attendance along with their older siblings and cousins. Even if they have no memory of having been present, knowing that they were included will give them a sense of being an integral part of the family, despite their age at the time.

There are a variety of books available to help adults get over their discomfort with explaining death to children. But there is one book that I recommend that you read to your children or grandchildren: “The Fall of Freddie the Leaf (A Story of Life for All Ages)” by the late Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D. It had been out of print for many years, but happily it has been re-issued in a special, 20th anniversary edition.

There is a phrase in the last chapter of Proverbs about the Woman of Valor who “laughs at the last day and cheerfully faces whatever may come.” That attitude may be a bit extreme, but a gentle, open and honest talk with our children and grandchildren about “the last day” can be the healthiest thing for them and for us.



If there is sufficient interest, I would be happy to lead periodic workshops/discussions for parents and grandparents throughout the next year in which I would present the approach I have taken in guiding bereaved families to help their children. Please contact my secretary, Naomi Lipnick, nlipnick@pasyn.org, or 212.369.2600, ext. 121, if you are interested in attending a workshop/discussion on this topic.

Schedule of Religious Services

JUNE 2007

Sivan/Tammuz 5767

Friday, June 1 15 Sivan

Light candles: 8:02 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

High School Graduation

7:30 pm *Minyan Ma'alot Service*

Saturday, June 2 16 Sivan

Parashat Beha'alotcha

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Silverstone, son of Heidi and Robert Silverstone

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm *Mincha*

Friday, June 8 22 Sivan

Light candles: 8:07 pm

Children's June, July, August

Birthday Service

6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service

Saturday, June 9 23 Sivan

Parashat Sh'lach

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Allie Gorin, daughter of Judy and William Gorin

9:30 am *Havurah Service*

6:00 pm *Mincha*

Friday, June 15 29 Sivan

Light candles: 8:11 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, June 16 30 Sivan

Parashat Korach

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Emily Smul, daughter of Karen and Spencer Smul

6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, June 17 1 Tammuz

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Friday, June 22 6 Tammuz

Light candles: 8:13 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, June 23 7 Tammuz

Parashat Chukat

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Luis Serota, son of Yona and Steven Serota

Friday, June 29 13 Tammuz

Light candles: 8:13 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, June 30 14 Tammuz

Parashat Balak

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 *Mincha*

JULY 2007

Tammuz/Av 5767

Tuesday, July 3 17 Tammuz

Shiva-Asar B'Tammuz

Fast of the 17th of Tammuz (see p.6)

Friday, July 6 20 Tammuz

Light candles: 8:12 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

7:30 pm *Minyan Ma'alot Service*

Saturday, July 7 21 Tammuz

Parashat Pinchas

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Friday, July 13 27 Tammuz

Light candles: 8:09 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, July 14 28 Tammuz

Parashat Matot-Masei

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Monday, July 16 1 Av

Rosh Chodesh Av

Friday, July 20 5 Av

Light candles: 8:05 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, July 21 6 Av

Parashat Devarim

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Monday, July 23 8 Av

8:00 pm Tishah B'Av Service

Tuesday, July 24 9 Av

Tishah B'Av

7:15 am Tishah B'Av Service (no tallit or t'fillin)

5:45 pm Service with tallit and t'fillin

Friday, July 27 12 Av

Light candles: 7:59 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, July 28 13 Av

Parashat Vaetchanan

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Mincha

Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

Saturday Mincha is at 6:00 pm in June and at 12:30 pm in July and August

AUGUST 2007

Av/Elul 5767

Friday, August 3 19 Av

Light candles: 7:52 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, August 4 20 Av

Parashat Eikev

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Friday, August 10 26 Av

Light candles: 7:44 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

7:30 pm *Minyan Ma'alot Service*

Saturday, August 11 27 Av

Parashat Re'eh

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Tuesday, August 14 30 Av

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Wednesday, August 15 1 Elul

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday, August 17 3 Elul

Light candles: 7:34 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, August 18 4 Elul

Parashat Shoftim

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Friday, August 24 10 Elul

Light candles: 7:24 pm

Saturday, August 25 11 Elul

Parashat Ki Teitzei

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm *Mincha*

Friday, August 31 17 Elul

Light candles: 7:13 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Daily Minyanim

Monday-Friday at 7:15 am;

Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Each board member is required to serve on a committee and it is through this vehicle that the main projects of the synagogue are completed

I thought it might be interesting to share with you a view of the work the board has completed during the past fiscal year, which closes on June 30.

While the board meetings address major topics, the primary work of the board is accomplished on the committee level. Each board member is required to serve on a committee and it is through this vehicle that the main projects of the synagogue are completed.

The committees of the board are: Membership, P.A.S. Friends of Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), Israel, Religious Protocol, Gallery, Education, Finance and Investment, and the Theme Committee (for half of the year this committee was "Prayer and Practice" and now it is coordinating our 125th Anniversary celebration). This committee has two subcommittees: Archives and the 125th Anniversary Trip to Israel.

The Membership Committee chaired by Rachael First examines how to make life for members at the Synagogue more inclusive and more meaningful. This year's initiatives included activities for our singles population and targeted programs for new members and our youngest members. We greet new members with a welcome letter, a bottle of wine, two challot and candlesticks. We now hold an annual Friday night "Tiny Treasures" Service, where our one-year-olds and their families mark this special occasion.

The P.A.S. Friends of The Jewish Theological Seminary, co-chaired by Joan Schreiber and Wendy Slavin, worked throughout the year to foster a meaningful relationship between our Synagogue and JTS. The group organized home study programs taught by JTS faculty, arranged for our Seminary Shabbat, and planned our annual fundraiser at JTS.

The Israel Committee, a newly-formed committee co-chaired by Doree Greenberg and Katherina Grunfeld, created opportunities for us to celebrate our important relationship with Israel. A series of speakers and films was co-sponsored

by this Committee, as was our Yom HaAtzmaut celebration.

The Theme Committee had two chairmen during the fiscal year. Paul Corwin chaired the portion that dealt with "Prayer and Practice," culminating in our "Night of Shabbat Dinners" where over 30 families hosted more than 260 fellow congregants.

Ellen Harrow chairs our **125th Anniversary Year**

Committee. To date our celebrations have included a special service honoring our long term members, two community seders with the creation of a 125th anniversary Haggadah, and as the main event, inscribing a 125th anniversary Torah, a project spearheaded by David Parker. With Heidi Silverstone's assistance, the committee is working tirelessly to have all Synagogue members inscribe a letter in this Torah that will live on long after we are all gone.

An extremely important aspect of our 125th Anniversary Year is our **Endowment Campaign**. Our goal is to leave an endowment for generations to come that will financially secure our synagogue's future. This is the responsibility of our generation. Under the leadership of Howard Rubin, and building on the 1998 campaign chaired by Alan Levine, we are hoping that every single member of the Synagogue will contribute to the best of their ability to reach our goal of 10 million dollars.

The Archives Committee, co-chaired by Laurie Harris and Marcia Stone, has been responsible for organizing 125 years of institutional memory. They have written and will continue to write articles for our bulletin informing us of our interesting path. Their work will provide the **Gallery Committee**, chaired by Jean Rosensaft, with the foundations for their exhibits on our history. The Gallery Committee has worked throughout the year to make the P.A.S. gallery an important part of our Synagogue. Exhibits have included our own art work and our own Torah Treasures.

The 125th Anniversary Trip to Israel subcommittee,



chaired by Paul Corwin, is actively engaged in recruiting for and creating an extraordinary event for our congregation—a trip that will take place December 22-January 1. Our goal of 240 participants is already well more than half met.

The Religious Protocol committee, under the leadership of Brian Lustbader, spent the year examining how we celebrate B'nai Mitzvah and how we celebrate weddings. Their efforts resulted in creating two new handbooks that families will receive at these important occasions.

The Education Committee, chaired by Susan Silverman, continues to work on the task of creating the most meaningful and successful learning environment for our entire congregation—from the youngest child to the most elderly adult. Specifically this year, the committee supported our children's participation in a national Bible contest and helped to focus our adult education on our two themes of "Prayer and Practice" and the Torah in our lives.

The Finance Committee, chaired by Steve Friedman, has the primary responsibility to create and oversee the budget. This year, institutional systems were finalized to streamline each department's accountability and assist them in managing their expenses and revenue.

The Investment Committee met to review the synagogue's assets and evaluate performance and allocation.

These standing committees are augmented by ad hoc committees created to perform a specific task. These include: the **Rabbinic Search Committee** chaired by Geoffrey Colvin, the **Nominating Committee** chaired by Marty Milston, the **Clergy Review Committees** chaired by Barbara Weinstein and Susan Silverman, and the **Gala Committee** chaired by Nadine Habousha Cohen and Judy Poss. Other work is accomplished by the Arms of the Congregation: **Men's Club**, Dennis Karr, President; **Sisterhood**, Sherry Cohen and Estelle Roth, Co-Presidents; **Women's Evening Group**, Sally Goodgold and Paula Bernstein, Co-Presidents; **Young Couples Group**, Jennifer Hoine, President; **Bikur Cholim**, co-chaired by Susan Lincoln and Leah Modlin; **Tikkun Olam**, chaired by Marlene Muskin and Lite Sabin; **Congregational School Parents' Association**, Rachael First and Susan Edelstein, co-chairs; and the **Early Childhood Center Parents' Association**, chaired by Jaya Nahmiyas and Geri Besca.

Board and Advisory Council members and volunteer congregants diligently work long hours to accomplish all that this productive year reflects. Please join me in thanking them for all they do for all of us.

I look forward to seeing all of you over the summer, be it at a synagogue we visit on one of our summer field trips, or at a film in our summer film festival or at Shabbat services.



Forging Your Link

By Howard Rubin, Endowment Committee Chair

Is the project to fulfill the 613th Commandment and "scribe" a Torah that Park Avenue Synagogue is now undertaking a spiritual, religious, and communal experience?

Or is it a critical part of the Synagogue's Endowment Campaign that is seeking to raise the endowment to a level that will allow the Synagogue to provide spiritual, religious and communal experiences for generations to come?

The answer, of course, is that it is both. They are two parts of one integral project. Everyone should get the experience of sitting with our *Sofer* to write his or her letter in the Torah being written to celebrate the Synagogue's 125th Anniversary. And, equally, everyone should make a meaningful contribution to the Endowment Campaign.

Just as each person will draw different and very personal meaning from their experience inscribing part of the book that has guided our people and been the foundation of our religion for thousands of years; each person will need to find their own way of giving that is at a level and in a manner meaningful to their circumstances. We have Dedication Opportunities ranging from \$180 to \$100,000 so that each person can choose the most appropriate way as an individual or family to be part of the Unbroken Chain. Each person can select to dedicate a portion of the Torah – a story, a book, a holiday – that is particularly meaningful to them in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a milestone. Each of us can participate by Forging Their Link in the very acts of writing a letter in the Torah and writing a place in the future of our Synagogue.

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Fast of the 17th of Tammuz | Tuesday, July 3

Fast of the 17th of Tammuz commemorates the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 C.E., shortly before the destruction of the Second Temple on Tishah B'Av. Tradition adds that the 17th of Tammuz is also the date of other tragedies: Moses' breaking the first tablets, the cessation of the daily sacrifices in the First Temple, and the burning of a Torah scroll and the erection of an idol in the Temple.

Tishah B'av | Tuesday, July 24

A fast day commemorating the destruction of the First (586 B.C.E.) and Second (70 C.E.) Temples on the Ninth of Av.



Summer Synagogue Walking Tours

Central Synagogue, NYC, NY | Tuesday, June 26 | 6:30 pm | ①

Completed in 1872, this national and New York City landmark is the oldest synagogue building in continuous use in New York City, accurately and beautifully restored in 2001 after a devastating fire in 1998 that damaged almost all the interior except the ark and the great wall of the bimah. Beautiful interior and exterior details in the Moorish architectural style include many colorful and intricate stencil patterns. The use of star motifs throughout is a remembrance of God's promise to Abraham that He would make his descendants "as numerous as the stars in heaven."

Touro Synagogue, Newport, RI | Sunday, July 29 | Bus leaves P.A.S. at 8:00 am and returns by 7:30 pm | \$ ②

This oldest synagogue building in the United States, dedicated in 1763, is now a National Historic Site and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1790 George Washington wrote to this congregation that . . . "happily the government of the United States . . . Gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

The beautiful interior is in classical colonial style, yet has some features of Sephardic synagogues. Twelve columns support the women's gallery and ceiling, symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel. The congregation is Orthodox and uses Sephardic liturgy. It holds regular services and conducts Hebrew classes for children of its members.

Reservations required. \$40/person for the bus.

Eldridge Street Synagogue, NYC, NY | Tuesday, August 7 | 6:30 pm | ①

The Eldridge Street Synagogue, which opened in 1887, is the first great house of worship built on the Lower East Side by Eastern European Jews. It is the most significant remaining marker of the huge Jewish community that flourished in the area from the 1850s to the 1940s. Thousands participated in religious services in the building's heyday. The diverse membership included notables from every profession, while the Synagogue also functioned as an agency for acculturation. Poor people could come here to be fed, secure a loan, learn about job and housing opportunities, and make arrangements to care for the sick and the dying.

As the Jewish population moved and the building aged, it became harder to maintain. In the late 1970s the building was in serious jeopardy, when it came to the attention of preservationists, led by NYU professor Gerard Wolfe. He rallied together a volunteer rescue organization, the Friends of the Eldridge Street Synagogue. By the end of 1987, the Synagogue's 100th anniversary, the Eldridge Street Project had raised funds to begin the first phase of construction. Work has been proceeding as funds become available and they anticipate completing the Synagogue restoration by October 2007, the 120th anniversary of the building's opening date.

The Eldridge Street Synagogue is now a New York City Landmark, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark.

\$ ① Reservations required for all tours—please call Sarah Gribetz at 212-369-2600, ext. 142 or e-mail at sgribetz@pasyn.nyc.org to reserve your space.

The Rothschild Library
Presents

The Movies of August

Free of Charge

The Impossible Spy

Thursday, August 14 | 7:00 pm

The riveting true story of Elie Cohen, who infiltrated to the highest levels of the Syrian military, greatly aiding Israel's victory in the 6 Day War.

The Great Dictator

Thursday, August 21 | 7:00 pm

Charlie Chaplin's satiric and prescient warning to the world and to worldwide Jewry regarding the threat of Nazism. First released in 1940, it was, ironically, his first big "talkie." A must-see movie.

The Truce

Thursday, August 28 | 7:00 pm

The amazing true story of Primo Levi's long, long, long journey back to Italy after the Holocaust, starring John Turturro.

Enrich your summer with good books, films, and music!

The Edmond De Rothschild Library has a rich collection of books—novels & non-fiction—DVDs, CDs, audio books, and children's literature. Come by to see our collection, available for members to borrow. *Check with the office for our summer hours.*

Jewish Life and Learning

High School Alternative Spring Break Trip

By Lisa Samick

It was 4:00 am....the city was dark and ten P.A.S. teens and their parents were excitedly waiting outside the gates to the synagogue. It was not a dream—we were heading to the airport to begin our American Jewish World Service (AJWS) Alternative Spring Break adventure!

Many hours later, when we had safely arrived in Muchucuxcah (the Mayan village where we would be volunteering and living), we met with our group leaders and learned about how we would be spending the next seven days. Our main project was to lay the foundation and clear the land for a building project in the town about 45 minutes away. This site would become a marketplace for our host families to sell their produce and wares, as well as dormitories for their children who were attending the local university. We divided into meal groups and headed out to meet our families for the week.

Days later, we were dirty, sweaty and sleeping in hammocks—but universally it was one of the most incredible experiences any of us had ever had. Interestingly, the one aspect of the program that we were most nervous about, turned out to be one of the richest and most valuable parts of the week.

Due to a variety of circumstances, our group joined with the group from B'nei Jeshurun (the West Side congregation). Both Kerrith, the teen director at BJ, and I worried that the weaving of the groups would be a challenge. But, in fact, the opposite happened. Sarah Abramovitz, Harley Dalton, Jeremy Dalton, Eric Gurevitch, Harold Lander, Jacob Mark, Phoebe Miller, Carolyn Ruvkun, Becky Sills and Sam Silverman, along with the six students from B'nei Jeshurun came together in a really profound way. And by the time we celebrated Shabbat—an entirely student-run event, our students had negotiated norms and traditions in a way that escapes many adult groups. It was amazing to see.

I knew it was a success when on the plane ride home, student after student asked me, "where are we going next year?"



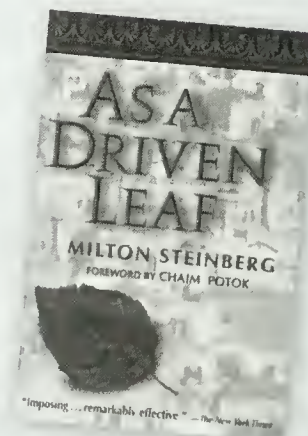
Great Synagogue Read-In

"As a Driven Leaf" by Rabbi Milton Steinberg

This historical and fascinating novel set in Roman Palestine during the age of the Talmud brings to life the sages of the Sanhedrin, arguing and dealing with questions of religion and how they should live under the Romans.

Get a head start on our Read-in selection by buying your copy of this classic of Jewish literature now and reading it over the summer. \$18/copy

To buy your copy contact the Adult Education Office at ext 140 or 142 or AdultEd@pasyn.org



Men's Club

Year-end Dinner Celebration

Tuesday, June 19 | 6:30 pm | \$

"Up on the Roof" of Park Avenue Synagogue. Great food, beer, wine. Awards and jokes. Reservations necessary. \$40 per person.

\$ Call Cathy Costello 212-372-2117

Midsummer Excursion to Coney Island for Brooklyn Cyclones Baseball

Sunday, July 29 | 5:00 pm | \$

See Brooklyn's home team play against the Vermont Lake Monsters. This date is also Jewish Heritage Night and there will be prizes and give-aways.

It will be very exciting and a lot of fun for all! Great seats at \$20 each. Limited number available.

\$ Call to reserve your tickets, Cathy Costello 212-372-2117.

Sisterhood

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday, June 4 | 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "Intuition," by Allegra Goodman. This novel has received excellent reviews. Coffee and cake will be served. Don't hesitate to come and listen even if you have not yet read the book.

The Yiddish Club

Tuesday, June 5 | 1:00 pm

The Yiddish Club will meet in the Rothschild Library for conversation, word games, poetry, and stories. Coffee and cake will be served. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, you are welcome to join us. We are a warm, friendly group.

Sisterhood

Visit to the Van Gogh Exhibit

Monday, June 11 | 1:00 pm

Join Sisterhood for a guided tour of "Van Gogh and Expressionism" at the Neue Galerie at Fifth Avenue and 86th Street. This acclaimed exhibit pairs works by Van Gogh with works by German, Austrian, and Russian artists that he influenced. Many of the Van Gogh paintings come from private collections and from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and have not been displayed in this country before. Over 80 works of art are on view in the elegant setting of an old mansion. All members of P.A.S. are welcome to take this tour. Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of the museum at 12:45 pm.

A Community Mitzvah Initiative

Summertime Sing-a-long at the Jewish Home

Wednesday, June 20 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm | \$

Location: Jewish Home and Hospital, 120 West 106th Street

Reach out and bring joy to the elderly residents of the Jewish Home and Hospital by helping them celebrate the fun of summertime. All ages are welcome for a festive outdoors sing-a-long (weather permitting). Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to help bring smiles to the residents' faces.

This event, brought to you by P.A.S.'s newest committee, the Community Mitzvah Initiative (CMI), is co-sponsored by the *Bikur Cholim* and *Tikkun Olam* committees and is designed to help P.A.S. members reach out to the Jewish community. All ages are welcome. Just sign up...show up...and participate! See you there!

\$ Contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary at 212-369-2600 if you are interested in finding out more about CMI and/or signing up for the event.

P.A.S. Gallery Exhibition

How Torah Lives in our Community: Torah Treasures from the P.A.S. Collection

Among the extraordinary programs and resources of our Anniversary celebration is the very special exhibition celebrating the meaning of Torah as it lives within P.A.S. The gallery features our synagogue's exquisite ceremonial art collection of Torah ark fittings, photographs of congregants' rites of passage at P.A.S. throughout the generations, a fine arts installation on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah milestone created by students in our congregational school, and a multi-media display of the materials that will be used by Rabbi Moshe Druin to inscribe a new Torah scroll.

Unbroken Chain: Shared History, Shared Destiny



Unbroken Chain: Shared History, Shared Destiny **125th Anniversary Trip to Israel**

December 22, 2007-January 1, 2008 | \$ ①

Here's what participants said about their 2004 experience...

"...one of the highlights for me was seeing my children immersed in the Jewish culture and having a lot of fun with fellow members of P.A.S...and having them say at the end, 'This week went by really quickly!'"

—parent, Congregational School students

"...hiking in the desert, learning with Israeli specialists, our first glimpse of Jerusalem, bonding while on a scavenger hunt of the Old City....what a wonderful, well organized and meaningful trip...!"

—parent, bat mitzvah student

"...my most memorable moment was being led by our cantors in the singing of Heiveinu Shalom Aleichem at the bar/bat mitzvah ceremony. That whole morning was the highlight for our family."

—parent, bat mitzvah student

"...the trip to the army base stands out in my mind...meeting the young Israelis who connect their lives to the preservation of the State of Israel at great personal sacrifice was particularly moving."

—parent, high school and college students

"Walking through the Western Wall tunnels was particularly exciting as I saw ancient history from every angle: above, below and on each side of me. It brought to life a monument steeped in the past."

—college student, age 18

"Playing basketball at the Keshet School with Israeli kids my own age..."

—4th grade student

Don't miss out on this chance of a lifetime to join us in Israel this December!

Over 140 congregants and their families are already registered.

\$ ① **Contact** Sarah Gribetz at 212-369-2600, ext. 142 or sgribetz@P.A.S.yn.org for more information or to sign up now!



I'M GOING! ARE YOU?

Look Who's Going On the Congregational Trip to Israel:

P.A.S. Clergy

Rabbi David Lincoln
Cantor David Lefkowitz
Rabbi Kenneth Stern
Cantor Nancy Abramson

Congregants, Families, and Guests

Arthur Ainsberg
James and Suzanne Aisenberg
Jonathan and Nathaniel Aisenberg
Sarah Barish-Straus
Daniel Straus
Jeanne and Jeffrey Bloom
Alex and Jordan Bloom
Elissa and Harry Bromer
Logan, Willemina and Samuel Bromer
Faye Skala
Donald S. Bernstein and Jo Ellen Finkel
Daniel and Julia Bernstein
Louis B. Bernstein and Barbara Weinstein
Michael, Benjamin and Rachel Bernstein
Robert and Amy Bressman
William, Ted and Ellie Bressman
Beryl Chernov
Sara and Ben Chernov
Roberta Chernov
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Sarah and Ilana Lustbader
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Michelle Zitver
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Sam Raskin
Doris Raskin
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Esther and Joel Silver
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Sam, Adam and Jeremy Silverman
Wendy and Howard Slavin
Samantha Slavin
Marcia Stone
Jonathan Stone
Hugh Straus
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Charles and Judy Wesalo Temel
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Renée Waldinger
Ilane and Adam Zivitofsky
Jack and Brooke Zivitofsky

This trip is filling up quickly. Reserve your spot now...don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the P.A.S. 125th Anniversary in Israel!

June 2

Michael Silverstone



Michael is a P.A.S. "regular." He frequently leads prayers at *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Havurah* services. He regularly attended Tot Shabbat and *Nitzanim*. He continued through the P.A.S. ECC and Congregational School and plans to study at the Judah Nadich High School. Michael annually accompanies P.A.S. in the Salute to Israel parade and traveled with P.A.S. to Israel.

Michael graduated from P.S. 290 and is a seventh grader at Columbia Preparatory School. He enjoys playing guitar, basketball, cartooning, bird-watching and spending time with family and friends. Michael attends Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.

Michael's Bar Mitzvah project consists of playing guitar to raise money to buy mosquito nets to prevent malaria and a letter-writing campaign to politicians encouraging them to help the people of Darfur. Senators Schumer and Clinton and President Bush have replied.

Michael would like to thank his family, P.A.S. extended family and teachers for helping prepare him for his Bar Mitzvah.

June 9

Allie Gorin



Allie Gorin has been attending Park Avenue Synagogue since her nursery school years in the Early Childhood Center. She is an active seventh grader at the Riverdale Country School where she played on both the soccer and softball teams this year. Allie also plays tennis, soccer in the Westside Soccer League, and is an avid equestrian. All of these sports are an important part of her summers at Lake Bryn Mawr Camp.

Allie spends her precious free time in the company of her family and friends.

Allie's upbeat spirit is infectious and she brings laughter and joy into our home. We are very proud of her accomplishments at P.A.S. and look forward to her Bat Mitzvah on June 9th. We would like to thank the clergy and teachers at P.A.S., on Allie's behalf, for their support and encouragement during her studies.



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June 16

Emily Smul

Emily Smul will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 16th, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh. Emily began her Jewish education at the P.A.S. Early Childhood Center. She is a seventh-grade student at the Dalton School, where she competes on the Middle School volleyball and softball teams. She is also active in Dalton's human rights club. Emily is fortunate to have so many relatives living nearby, but also enjoys snowboarding when visiting her grandparents in Vermont and spending vacations with cousins in California and North Carolina.

As part of her Congregational School activities, Emily prepares and serves meals at the Wednesday Community Kitchen. Emily is also participating in a UJA-Federation project to improve bomb shelters for the community of Kiryat Shmona, upgrading the spaces for use as day care facilities or other kid-friendly sites during peace time.

Emily thanks the clergy and her teachers for their guidance and enthusiasm in helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah.



June 23

Luis Serota

Learning to chant from the book most representative of his heritage has been a unique learning experience for Luis (Parashat Hukat, Haftarah-Judges XI.1-33). He is a seventh grader at The Heschel School, which he has been attending since preschool. Luis is a reliable and responsible friend and student who relates well to people of all ages.

As an avid tennis player, he devotes many hours of practice to improve his game. He hopes that tennis will always play an important role throughout his life. Luis also enjoys playing the piano and the guitar, composing his own music and lyrics, reading fiction and playing computers. Luis spends his summers training for tennis and has also attended Camp Ramaquois in Pomona, NY. He is looking forward to spending part of this summer at a competitive tennis academy in Spain.

Luis would like to thank the clergy at P.A.S. for their teachings and guidance. He also thanks his parents and younger brother for their love, support and sense of humor. In celebration of Luis becoming a Bar Mitzvah his family has arranged to plant trees in Israel in honor of each guest sharing in this simcha through The Jewish National Fund.



Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

**Mr. and Mrs. Rick Atlas • Mr. Meir Feder and Ms. Abbe Gluck • Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gaitman
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Kaufman • Mr. Ebrahim Moussazadeh and Dr. Devorah Nazarian-Moussazadeh
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Schreiber • Mr. Bram Weber and Ms. Aimee Gunsberger**

MAZAL TOV

P.A.S. member **Morrie I. Kleinbart** has been appointed Chief of the Appeals Bureau of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office by Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr., effective April 30, 2007.

Jacky Teplitsky will be honored at the Women of Action Luncheon to Benefit Cancer Research in Israel.

Synagogue Family Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

- ~ Ellen Bock and Michael A. Varet, *on the loss of their mother, Frances Varet*
- ~ Dr. Rhoda Cutler, *on the loss of her sister, Dr. Ethel R. Cutler*
- ~ Myra Freed, *on the loss of her mother, Gladys Vener Freed*
- ~ Bernard Friedman, *on the loss of his father, Irving Friedman*
- ~ Dr. Dennis Gross, *on the loss of his father, Eugene Gross*
- ~ Sherrie Powers, *on the loss of her father, Sidney Simon*
- ~ Inge Pretsfelder, *on the loss of her husband, Ernest Pretsfelder*
- ~ Shirlee Robbins, *on the loss of her husband, Leonard Robbins*
- ~ Andrew Schnipper, *on the loss of his father, Dr. Leonard Schnipper*
- ~ Wendy Segal, *on the loss of her father, Philip Weinsier*
- ~ J. Alexandra Sobell, *on the loss of her father, Jay B. Sobell*
- ~ Michael A. Varet and Ellen Bock, *on the death of their mother, Frances Goldberg Varet*

Note: if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue office: lschneider@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600.

In Loving Memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext.120.



“The Jewish Family of the Year”

Did you ever wonder what it takes to be named “The Jewish Family of the Year?” Sometime in the late 1960s, Dr. Seymour and Vicki Wimpfheimer and their family received that title and tribute from The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The family was no stranger to *kavod*. Although they never sought out honor, honor came to them through their unwavering devotion to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer and his lovely wife Vicki were a “dynamic duo.” The breadth of their accomplishments is extraordinary. Dr. Wimpfheimer was both First Vice-President and President of the Board of Trustees and a member of the Advisory Board. He served on many committees including the Ritual Committee, Clergy Search Committee (responsible for bringing Rabbi Nadich to our Synagogue), and the Planning Committee for our 80th Anniversary celebration. He was on the bimah when General Eisenhower spoke to our Congregation. He was responsible for escorting Eleanor Roosevelt from her home before she was to speak at our Synagogue. In 1960, P.A.S. honored him by naming him *Hatan Bereshit*.^{*} In 1966, the Seminary honored him for his philanthropic deeds. Dr. Wimpfheimer was a physician, an OB/GYN well known for his skills and his empathy. As a young girl, Laurie Altman explained Dr. Wimpfheimer’s presence on the bimah by saying that he brought all the children into the world, so he was sitting close to God.

‘Warm,’ ‘caring,’ ‘supportive,’ ‘open’ and ‘thoughtful’ – are the words used over and over to describe Vicki Wimpfheimer. Her answering machine was famous for the greeting: “Veni, Vidi, Vicki.” Their family home on Park Avenue served as an extension of the Synagogue, as many meetings and cocktail parties were held there. People talk about how their home radiated with warmth and love, embracing all who came to visit. She had many passions in her life: family, friends, education, social justice and Judaism. Vicki was President of the Parents’ Association, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, President of Sisterhood, and Chair of the Library Committee (P.A.S. did not have a library before this committee formed).

A teacher before her marriage, Vicki valued early childhood education. She worked to establish a Religious School to replace the Sunday-only school and, most transformative for our Synagogue, was the founder of our nursery school, The Early Childhood Center. She believed in dynamic religious education, including music, art and drama. Vicki was an advocate for stimulating and challenging education, and, above all, education respectful of each child’s learning style. Vicki’s leadership can still be felt today as evidenced by the annual Sisterhood lecture series and Mitzvah Day, both named in her honor.

Where did these committed and inspirational leaders come from? Well...from our own congregation. Seymour Wimpfheimer and his family were members of Park Avenue Synagogue. His parents, Freida and Edward Wimpfheimer, were members of Agudat Yescharim (pre-1927) when the Congregation was housed at 113 and 115 East 86th Street. They were also the parents of Samuel and Hilda Wimpfheimer. Seymour married Vicki and had five children: Doris, Susan, Ellen, Ann and David. Samuel married Helen, who was a President of the Sisterhood and was a reporter for the Bulletin. Hilda married Edwin Davidson and had three children: Alan, Edward and Franklin. Today, Doris Finkel and Franklin and Pat Davidson are members of our Congregation. Pat Davidson currently leads our Book Club.

This is what it takes to be named “The Jewish Family of the Year”—Not much more than humor, love, devotion, a passion for life, infectious enthusiasm, inspirational leadership, a commitment to social justice and to Judaism. These are all things to which we can each aspire. Long before it was made a cliché, they were a family who practiced an ideal of *just do it*.

^{*} *Hatan Beresheit: (Bridegroom of Genesis):*

A very special aliyah is given at Simchat Torah to a distinguished member of the community, called to the bimah with a piyut that sings the praises of God and the Torah, when the cycle of Torah is renewed as the second Torah is opened once again to read Genesis.

The New Synagogue of 1927: Blessings, Benefits and Responsibilities

By Marcia Stone and Laurie Harris, Archives Committee

Park Avenue Synagogue began 1926 having sold its 86th Street buildings, purchased land on East 87th Street, and engaged architects Deutsch and Schneider as well as the Lustbader Construction Company (owned by cousins of our current Board Vice-President Brian Lustbader) to build their new synagogue. The cornerstone for this building, the first of three that comprise the current Park Avenue Synagogue, was laid on May 22, 1926. (The original building includes the Main Sanctuary, lower level Lemberg Auditorium, Cohen Library and adjacent office.)

The Cornerstone and Jewish Spirit

Speeches and articles from those days, particularly those of Jacob Friedman, the president of the congregation from 1917 until 1948, provide valuable background. As described by Mr. Friedman at the cornerstone ceremonies, “people with religious beliefs are more prepared to make the best of themselves; those without religion can never be as great.” The congregation boldly acted on that conviction. Building and attending the new Synagogue is described as “a great privilege, bestowing only benefits and blessings.” In 1926 Mr. Friedman promised his congregation and their heirs that with Synagogue attendance comes soul enrichment, mental quickening, and physical energy. To him, the most important legacy for children was not money, but impressing upon them that “God has given them a soul and they have the power to beautify and glorify that soul...Old people may find comfort in the Synagogue, but young

people need friendship and ideals; they need wisdom, strength, counsel, and an opportunity to fulfill their dreams. They need laughter, song, good nature, kindly thought, and human understanding.”

The Cornerstone and the New York Community

The newspapers covering the event described the ceremonies as “impressive,” and quoted Mayor Jimmy Walker’s



P.A.S. cornerstone

representative who called religion “the most powerful antidote to crime in our community.” Another speaker, the noted Rabbi of the Free Synagogue, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, called for more synagogues to be built. “There should be 100 new synagogues on the East Side, and another 100 on the West Side.” Dr. Wise noted that the Jewish population of New York had increased, but the number of synagogues had decreased. “If Jewish fathers would devote more of their time to the institution of schools and synagogues, Judaism would be

benefited greatly.” (Note: The decrease in synagogues is likely linked to the economies inherent in larger institutions and increased mobility of the population.)

Building Construction and the Congregation’s Efforts

What was it like being a member of Park Avenue Synagogue during the period of construction? The promise of the new Synagogue was inspiring, as evidenced by the grand speeches and groundbreaking ceremonies. With benefits came the awesome responsibilities of implementation of the project, including financing. The Board of Trustees and Building Committees worked tirelessly and for years on these efforts. Then, as now, there was ample room and need for the volunteer efforts of everyone in the congregation. We have some anecdotal reminiscences from prior congregant interviews, including one from Milton and Irma Heller in 1957. Milton was a member of the House Committee, and he remembered going down to the Bowery and picking out the stained glass to be used in the dome. Other members of the House Committee were Arthur and Eddie Pollack; interior designers who did a lot of the interior design work themselves, including the torah mantles and ark. In thanks for recovery from an illness, Mrs. Anna Edelman, whose husband was a Synagogue Vice-President, embroidered the ark curtains and torah covers, at her insistence made from the finest French silk velvet.

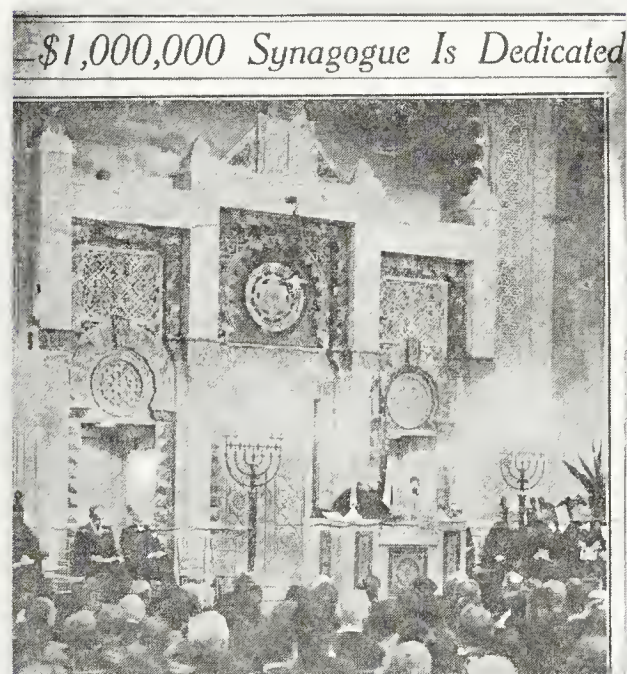
The Sisterhood was busy raising funds for the new building, and paid

for the first organ. According to the Hellers, President Jacob Friedman, who was the son of a cantor, traveled on business (garment industry) six months a year and made a point of hearing organs in synagogues (and churches) on his path. He loved those instruments designed by Mr. Casavant of Canada, and persuaded the 75-year-old Mr. Casavant to personally oversee the installation of a fine and worthy new organ.

For the congregation, the new Synagogue's completion in 1927 was a glorious reward for their years of effort and sacrifice. The press immediately welcomed the "\$1,000,000 new Park Avenue Synagogue as an artistic and brilliantly ornate addition." A pamphlet written by Mrs. Hadassah Nadich includes a description of the sanctuary by Jim Jarrett, Consulting Architect for a later addition to the Synagogue. He described the 1927 sanctuary building as "Moorish in architecture, with one of the most beautiful cast stone facades in New York. The Walter Schneider-designed sanctuary immediately achieved a special historical significance, as one of the last built in the Moorish tradition which dated from a period beginning in Europe in the 1850s. The interior of the almost -square sanctuary provides, with the balcony, seating for 1200. Inside, Moorish decoration is used throughout, from Arabesque dadoes to a *muqarnas* design for the octagonal domed ceiling. The bimah appears to be of exotic marbles, but actually has been hand painted by talented artisans." Functionally, the new building provided much needed vestry space in the basement for events, which could be divided by partitions for the Religious School.

The Dedication Ceremonies

Congregant Maurice Bloch, the Minority Leader of the New York State Assembly, was Chairman of the Dedication Committee. From the program, speeches and articles and photos in our archives we can envision the ceremonies that took place over the weekend of March 25-27, 1927: Three special services marked the formal opening, the first was a Shabbat evening service



Herald Tribune, Monday, March 28, 1927

on March 25th, the second on Shabbat morning. The grand community opening, broadcast on radio WNYC on Sunday afternoon, was followed by a dinner in the vestry. All services were presided over by Rabbi Gabriel Schulman and Cantor Abraham Sukoienig. They included special musical presentations and accompaniments by the Synagogue Choir and guest artists. The heads of the Arms of the Synagogue, the children of the Religious School, and members of the Building Committee all participated in the festivities. Additional speakers from the Jewish and New York

clerical and political community filled the bimah.

The "official" opening on Sunday was colorful and impressive. The Torahs were paraded and ceremonially placed in their new home, accompanied by the ceremonial lighting of the *Ner Tamid* (eternal light). The children of the Religious School presented the American flag. Members of the Metropolitan Opera House Chorus augmented the Synagogue Choir.

Newspaper articles reported that community leaders speaking from the bimah appealed for the uniting of faiths in fellowship and religious tolerance. Mayor Jimmy Walker noted, "No matter where else prejudice and intolerance may exist, New York City by unanimous consent, is not a place for bigotry of any sort." He praised the example of Protestant and Catholic clergy seated on the bimah with Rabbi Schulman. "New York City is made better and its citizens gain an opportunity for better living by the creation of the Park Avenue Synagogue and every other house of God in its limits. It means a finer city and a finer morality."

Spiritual Rewards and Material Responsibilities for the New Synagogue

For the members of the congregation that weekend, a highlight had to be the moment when the key to the building was first given to the Chairman of the Building Committee, Arthur Ochs, who with great praise handed it to congregation President Jacob Friedman. In his speech, Mr. Friedman "prayed that this new house of God be eagerly accepted by the Jewish people of this community

for the great opportunities it offers.” Remembering the founders and predecessor congregations, he said, “I feel that we have kept faith with them. And it is my fervent hope that those who come after us will keep faith with us in the same measure.” Amazed at the change in the congregation over a short time, he reiterated that the new Synagogue was a “veritable source of inspiration. Its exquisite workmanship expresses the culmination of all that is noble in human ideals. All that is good and beautiful in life is embodied here within these four walls: the uplifting power of the scripture, the teachings of the sermon, the inspiration and consolation that music and art have to offer.” He refers to these as “tangible, even materialist blessings.”

Mr. Friedman’s final words at the dedication returned to the responsibility and sacrifices that came with these “materialist” blessings. “This Synagogue has cost us money, and is going to cost us even more money. The purpose of this key is to open the doors and keep them open to all who wish to enter, and there is ample room. We must succeed in doubling the number of our members. Then, how easy it will be to pay off the \$250,000 mortgage.” Mr. Friedman added, “Whatever I may be able to do in holding open these doors I shall do; and I will symbolically hold the key until the day when all debts are paid.”

Our archives reveal that the next years were extraordinarily difficult ones financially. There was no endowment, all funds for the new building had been spent, and the new members did not quickly materialize. Some relief came with the merger with Ateret Israel,

just before the Depression of 1929 (described in the May Bulletin). That brought the membership to just over 300, and led to the refinancing and partial payment of the bank loan. Yet the Synagogue continued to be in financial peril for a number of years. Despite the really serious financial difficulties and late 1920s changes in the clergy, members and leadership continued their efforts to perpetuate the ideals of the



*P.A.S. Confirmation Class, 1927**

Jewish faith and fulfill their vision for Park Avenue Synagogue. They never forgot the words of Rabbi Nathan Krass of Temple Emanu-El at the dedication, “Israel’ (Jewish builders) may be building apartment houses on Park Avenue, but it has not forgotten to build a house for God...not a house within which to enclose Him and His teachings, but rather a tabernacle from which He may go forth and be among His people.” ...

To be continued...

**This photograph was given to Cantor David Lefkowitz by the grandniece of Cantor Sukoenig.*



Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center Applications

Member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2008-09 school years are asked to call the school and request an application form before June 30, 2007. (After that date the school will be closed until mid-August.)

All children who were born before April 1, 2006 are eligible for school in September 2008. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been active longtime members of the synagogue are given special consideration. However, because of limitations on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership does not guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of \$40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the September 2007 school year there were approximately 55 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 2008-09 school term. This will enable us to determine how many applications from new members or non-members we will be able to accept. Thank you for your cooperation.

Proud to be Here

Ron Koas, Education Director

A potential student came with her parents to speak with me about our school. I welcomed them to the Congregational School at Park Avenue Synagogue. I told them that our school provides an engaging and meaningful Jewish education for children in kindergarten through seventh grade. That we offer a rich and varied curriculum that emphasizes the acquisition of essential Jewish knowledge, ritual skills, and Hebrew literacy. Our administration and outstanding faculty, together with the synagogue's clergy, support our students in the development of their individual Jewish identities, spiritual and religious growth, and connection with Israel. The arts are integrated into the program, with our students participating regularly in music, Israeli dance, studio art, drama, museum visits and field trips. I also informed them that Family and Adult Education are important elements of the school's program, and that we encourage parents to experience Jewish learning and living together with their children.

After speaking with the family, I took them to some classes in session, and was very proud of our teachers and the teaching methods they were using. After visiting the classes we went to see the art and music rooms, then went down to the lower level to watch the children practicing dances for the *Rikkudia*. Every time I showed the visitors something, I felt more and more proud of the fact that I am the Education Director here at Park Avenue Synagogue. Together we have made positive changes; we have made this school a second home for our kids. Yes, we have a certificate attesting to the fact that this is a School of Excellence, but we should all know that we indeed have an excellent school, one that is also a child-friendly, child-centered school. We can be very proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continued success. Have a great summer!

Dear Ron:

I wanted to let you know how pleased and proud we were of the performance by the Park Avenue Synagogue team yesterday. I had no idea what to expect, as Sam had never said a word to either Elaine or me about the studying that he and the other team members had been doing with you over the course of the year.

The performance by the team was astounding, their effort was excellent; the kids were focused and poised..and all of the parents were talking about it.

Most importantly, the day was a very positive experience for Sam, and, based upon my unscientific sampling, the other team members.

You are on your way now to establishing a P.A.S. tradition for the Var class. On the way home, Isaac and Sam discussed a couple of suggestions: Having the veterans of this year's competition help train next year's participants, and perhaps dividing up parts of the Book for individual team members to master in detail.

Again, thank you for the time that you spent on this over the year.
Regards,

Richard S. Green

Endowed in loving memory of Lea Oberforfer

Tot Shabbat

June 2 | 11:15 am-12:00 pm

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat.

Summer Birthday Celebration

June 8 | 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with June, July and August birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our Summer Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.



(left) A letter sent to Ron Koas from a surprised and happy father about the Hidon ha Torah program described last month; (above) Standing left to right: Jonathan Aisenberg, Alexandra Mackof, Joshua Podolsky, Sitting: Samuel Green, Rachel Lander and Isaac Norwich.

Unbroken Chain: *Kavod L'Vatikim*

Honoring Our Long Term Members

At our Shabbat service on Saturday, March 31, *12 Nisan 5767*, Park Avenue Synagogue had the honor of affording *kavod* to those people and families who have been members for more than two decades.

1920s

The Family of Joan Hoexter Goldberg and
David Hoexter
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Honig

1930s

The Family of Doree Greenberg, 1930
Ms. Irene Winkelman, 1932
Mr. Marvin Cohen and
Mrs. Penny Cohen-Zorn, 1934
Ms. Barbara Goldsmith, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Munves Jr., 1935
Mrs. Ruth Druss, 1939

1940s

Mr. Jeffrey Loria, 1940
The Family of Carol Hoexter Mandel and
Babette Hoexter Balis, 1940
Mr. and Mrs. James Robbins, 1941
Dr. and Mrs. Brian Pollack, 1942
Mrs. Martha Gold, 1948

1950s

Mrs. Doris Arluck, 1950
Mrs. Ruth Pordy, 1951
Dr. and Mrs. Alan Davidson, 1951
Mrs. Roslyn Schlesinger, 1951
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, 1953
Mrs. Glory Einiger, 1953
Hon. and Mrs. Louis Kaplan, 1953
Mrs. Beatrice Brodman, 1954
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Seligman, 1954
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baxter, 1954
Judge and Mrs. Millard Midonick, 1955
Mrs. Rita Rand, 1955
Mrs. Rita Shapiro, 1955
Mrs. Irene Stiebel, 1955
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogelstein, 1956
Mr. Leonard Ladin, 1956
Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich, 1956
Mr. Abraham Goll, 1956
Mrs. Henry Schneider, 1956
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barasch, 1957
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sabin, 1957
Mrs. Laurie Zacharias, 1957
Dr. Bernard Weiss, 1957
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier, 1958
Dr. and Ms. Joshua Tannenbaum, 1958
Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Robinson, 1959

1960s

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bienenstock, 1960
Mrs. Joseph Lang, 1960

Mrs. Martha Sasmor, 1960
Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman, 1960
Mrs. Frances Tompkins, 1960
Mrs. Anita Bayer, 1960
Dr. Jacob Oberman, 1960
Mrs. Bernice Tannenbaum, 1961
Mrs. Sonia Breindel, 1962
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenberg, 1962
Mrs. Leon Hess, 1962
Ms. Rosamond Kaufman, 1962
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, 1962
Mr. and Mrs. John Veronis, 1963
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pretsfelder, 1963
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schiller, 1963
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein, 1964
Dr. and Mrs. Harry Weinrauch, 1964
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Leventhal, 1965
Mr. Neil Robinson, 1965
Dr. and Mrs. John Sherman, 1965
Mrs. Ruth Levenson, 1966
Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, 1966
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rosoff, 1966
Mr. James Heller, 1966
Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Lurie, 1966
Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Frommer, 1967
Mrs. Marjorie Neuwirth, 1967
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosenberg, 1967
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Levenson, 1967
Mrs. Muriel Bessinger, 1968
Mr. and Mrs. Clive Chajet, 1968
Mrs. Florence Edelstein, 1968
Mrs. Dorothy Hall, 1968
Mr. and Mrs. David Revasch, 1969
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Silverstein, 1969

1970s

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blumenfeld, 1970
Ms. Marlene Charnizon, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cohen, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Felberbaum, 1970
Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, 1970
Mr. Robert Jay and Dr. Roslyn Haber, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koreto, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nadler, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stern, 1970
Cantor and Mrs. David Lefkowitz, 1970
Ms. Varda Hubara, 1970
Mr. Harry Krieger, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Milston, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goldberg, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ceisler, 1971
Ms. Carol H. Cohen, 1972
Mrs. Phyllis Gallahou, 1972
Mr. and Mrs. Morton Davis, 1972
Drs. Ethel and Rhoda Cutler, 1972
The Gluck Family, 1972
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rebhun, 1972
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adler, 1973
Mrs. Anne Duberstein, 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Schlesinger, 1973
Mrs. Malka Schwarz, 1973
Mr. Irving Hoffman, 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denburg, 1973
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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Heller, 1974
Mrs. Sandra Schneider, 1974
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Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Abrams, 1976
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delgado, 1977
Mr. and Mrs. David Julie, 1977
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Aron Hoffman, 1978
Drs. John and Beverly Jacoby, 1978
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, 1978
Mr. Richard Samuels and Dr. Janet Weisberg, 1978
Mr. Andre Sassoon, 1978
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Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Saft, 1978
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Mr. George Friedman, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harmon, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Karr, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosen, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schulhof, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tannenbaum, 1979
Mr. Misha Avramoff, 1979

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bock, 1980
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Feiweil, 1980
Mr. Marshall Gluck, 1980
Mrs. Miriam Kaplan, 1980
Drs. Charles and Susan Murkofsky, 1980
Mr. Lawrence Soicher, 1980
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Treiger, 1980
Mr. Edward Weinstein, 1980
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rosenblum, 1980
Ms. Mazine Dove, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goodman, 1981
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Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Modlin, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. David Small, 1981
Mr. and Mrs. Mal Eisenberg, 1981
Drs. Paul and Katherine Grunfeld, 1982
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Oberman, 1982
Dr. and Mrs. Barry Salky, 1982
Mr. Hugh Straus and Ms. Leone Straus, 1982
Mr. Ronald Cohen and Ms. Donna Kramer, 1982
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becker, 1982
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Mrs. Gladys Kessler, 1983
Ms. Melanie Schneider, 1983
Ms. Randi Sherman, 1983
Mr. Thomas Ascheim and
Dr. Deborah Davis Ascheim, 1983

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Calendar of Events June 2007

JUNE 2007

Sivan/Tammuz 5767

Friday, June 1 15 Sivan

Light candles: 8:02 pm

High School graduation

Friday Toddler program ends

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

7:30 pm Minyan Ma'alot Service

Saturday, June 2 16 Sivan

Parashat Beha'alotcha

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Silverstone,
son of Heidi and Robert Silverstone

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm Mincha

Monday, June 4 18 Sivan

11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion Group

7:00 pm Board of Trustees/Advisory
Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 5 19 Sivan

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln

11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

1:00 pm Sisterhood Yiddish Club

Wednesday, June 6 20 Sivan

Wednesday Toddler Program Ends

Thursday, June 7 21 Sivan

11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn

Thursday Toddler Program Ends

Friday, June 8 22 Sivan

Light candles: 8:07 pm

Children's June, July, August
Birthday Service

6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service

Saturday, June 9 23 Sivan

Parashat Sh'lach

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Allie Gorin,
daughter of Judy and William Gorin

9:30 am Havurah Service

6:00 pm Mincha

Monday, June 11 25 Sivan

1:00 pm Sisterhood Visit to the Van Gogh Exhibit
at Neue Gallerie

7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 12 26 Sivan

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln

11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, June 14 28 Sivan

11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn

Friday, June 15 29 Sivan

Light candles: 8:11 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, June 16 30 Sivan

Parashat Korach

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Emily Smul,
daughter of Karen and Spencer Smul

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, June 17 1 Tammuz

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Monday, June 18 2 Tammuz

7:30 pm Moonbeams Meeting

Tuesday, June 19 3 Tammuz

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln

11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

6:30 pm Men's Club Year-End Dinner

Wednesday, June 20 4 Tammuz

11:00 am Community Mitzvah Initiative visit to
Jewish Home

Thursday, June 21 5 Tammuz

11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn

Friday, June 22 6 Tammuz

Light candles: 8:13 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, June 23 7 Tammuz

Parashat Chukat

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Luis Serota,
son of Steven and Yona Serota

Monday, June 25 9 Tammuz

First Day of Park Avenue Synagogue Day Camp

Tuesday, June 26 10 Tammuz

6:30 pm Walking Tour of Central Synagogue

Thursday, June 28 12 Tammuz

11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn

Friday, June 29 13 Tammuz

Light candles: 8:13 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, June 30 14 Tammuz

Parashat Balak

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

12:30 pm Mincha

Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Saturday Mincha is at 6:00 pm in June and at 12:30 pm in July and August

Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am

Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office. See page 3 for Religious Services schedule,

JULY 2007

Tammuz/Av 5767

Tuesday, July 3 17 Tammuz
Shiva-Asar B'Tammuz
Fast of the 17th of Tammuz (see p.6)

Friday, July 6 20 Tammuz
Light candles: 8:12 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
7:30 pm Minyan Ma'alot Service

Saturday, July 7 21 Tammuz
Parashat Pinchas
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Friday, July 13 27 Tammuz
Light candles: 8:09 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, July 14 28 Tammuz
Parashat Matot-Masei
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Monday, July 16 1 Av
Rosh Chodesh Av

Friday, July 20 5 Av
Light candles: 8:05 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, July 21 6 Av
Parashat Devarim
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Monday, July 23 8 Av
8:00 pm Tishah B'Av Service

Tuesday, July 24 9 Av
Tishah B'Av
7:15 am Tishah B'Av Service (no tallit or t'fillin)
5:45 pm Service with tallit and t'fillin

Friday, July 27 12 Av
Light candles: 7:59 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, July 28 13 Av
Parashat Vaetchanan
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Sunday, July 29 14 Av
8:00 am Bus Trip to Touro Synagogue,
Newport, RI \$C
5:00 pm Men's Club Midsummer excursion \$C

AUGUST 2007

Av/Elul 5767

Friday, August 3 19 Av
Light candles: 7:52 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, August 4 20 Av
Parashat Eikev
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Tuesday, August 7 23 Av
6:30 pm Tour Eldridge Street Synagogue C

Friday, August 10 26 Av
Light candles: 7:44 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
7:30 pm Minyan Ma'alot Service

Saturday, August 11 27 Av
Parashat Re'eh
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Tuesday, August 14 30 Av
Rosh Chodesh Elul
7:00 pm Film: "The Impossible Spy"

Wednesday, August 15 1 Elul
Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday, August 17 3 Elul
Light candles: 7:34 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, August 18 4 Elul
Parashat Shoftim
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Tuesday, August 21 7 Elul
7:00 pm Film: "The Great Dictator"

Friday, August 24 10 Elul
Light candles: 7:24 pm

Saturday, August 25 11 Elul
Parashat Ki Teitzei
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
12:30 pm Mincha

Tuesday, August 28 14 Elul
7:00 pm Film: "The Truce"

Friday, August 31 17 Elul
Light candles: 7:13 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

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summer broadening
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"Exodus" by Leon Uris: this classic novel tells how Jews who survived the Holocaust struggled to get to Israel and help create a Jewish state in 1948.

"Witness" by Ruth Gruber: this autobiography of the extraordinary still-active 95-year old journalist tells of her struggles under President Roosevelt to save Jewish refugees and her continuing involvement in Jewish causes.

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Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 12

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday and Friday, September 13, 14

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 21

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 22

Save the Date

Mitzvah Day '07

Sunday, November 18, 2007

125th Anniversary Trip to Israel

December 22, 2007-January 1, 2008

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